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The Fire.—A friend has furnished us with the following translation from the German of an excellent prayer, and one highly appropriate at this particular time. Regarded merely as a piece of composition it is admirable, while many a heart will read it with true fervor:

O Lord of all Power, who stillest the tumults and raging of the people, and in whose hands are the issues of life and death for all men, we beseech thee at this time, to look down with Fatherly compassion upon us, who are now exposed to great and unforeseen dangers.

Thou knowest, O Lord, our secret as well as our open sins; have mercy, we beseech thee, O Lord, upon us and upon our distant friends and relations, and visit us not according to our sins. Comfort, O Lord, with thy blessed spirit, the comforter of all, who with wounded hearts are now mourning for the death of dear relatives and friends, and grant to them a happy meeting in the presence of Christ, with those who are now lost to them. Still the anxieties of all, teaching us to wait in faith on thee.

O Merciful Father, we beseech thee, to watch over our helpless women and children, who are perchance or even now exposed to the cruel assaults of demoralized men, and strengthen those who will have the chance to defend them; and if of thy goodness this danger passes, give to each of us henceforward a deeper sense of christian responsibilities. Thou, O Lord, art a strong tower of defence for all that flee unto thee. Oh save us from all violence, and if it seems good to thee, restore peace—peace, O Lord, to our bleeding country.—Amen.

What is stronger in death than life? An old yellow-legged hen. If you don't belive it, try to digest one after roasting.

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* If you want an ignoramus to respect you, "dress to death," and wear watch seals about the size of a brickbat.

A SMALL LOT OF BACON HAMS AND SIDES for sale. J. KINSEY,
April 7-3t*

A SUPERIOR ARTICLE OF ADAMANTINE CANdles for sale. J. KINSEY.
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Job Printing.—Having an abundance of material and good workmen we are prepared to execute all orders for Job Printing with despatch.

AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO INCREASE THE EFFICIENCY OF THE HOME GUARD ORGANIZATION," RATIFIED THE 17TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1865.

The General Assembly of the State of North Carolina do enact, That the Governor of this State, whenever in his judgment it may be necessary for the defence of the State, or any portion thereof, by causing any or all persons liable to duty in the Home Guard, to be mustered into service, may direct that if there are not enough volunteers to fill the quota of any Regiment, Battalion or Company, that such number of men shall be drafted as may be required to complete the same.

Sec. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That all persons who shall have the privilege of electing their company officers from the rank and file of said companies, and all officers in said Home Guards for service, and who shall be required to perform service in commissioned officers or privates under the same rules and regulations as other non-commissioned officers and privates, and shall receive the same pay and allowances while so serving.

Sec. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That the Governor shall in like manner direct the Commandants of the several Regiments of Home Guards to be constituted and hold Courts of Enrollment to be composed of not less than three persons, and said regiments when so constituted, shall have the same jurisdiction as other Courts of Enrollment.

Sec. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That in addition to the exemptions mentioned in the second section of An act in relation to the Militia and Guard for Home Defence, ratified 9th of July 1863, there shall be exempt one teamster to each county appointed under An Act entitled An Act for the relief of wives and families of soldiers in the army; the Attorney general, collectors of the several circuits and counties, special trustees, county surveyors, physicians of five years practice, one editor to a newspaper, and the necessary compositors and employees to the same, and one to each printing office, one ferryman at each ferry, all the ferrymen that transport mail and passengers, all the conductors and engineers employed on the railroads, respectively, and all the employees that transport mail and passengers on the railroads, respectively, all the employees that transport mail and passengers on the railroads, respectively, all the employees that transport mail and passengers on the railroads, respectively,

We learn [illegible] which party the [illegible] on Wednesday last [illegible] are quietly resting in their [illegible] are intelligent [illegible] have only one [illegible] have about [illegible] thermometer. At noon [illegible] the Federals [illegible] and [illegible] and [illegible] and